

◆ JOHANNES BLADE CLOSES IN ON CHELLE!

THIS IS THE
END FOR YOU.

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LOOKS LIKE
I GOT
CANNONS



.....



THE SOURCE
OF YOUR POWER...

YOUR
VERY SOUL
HAS BEEN
DRYING OUT



WHA—?



I MANAGED TO
TOUCH YOUR
CHEST.

WHEN YOU
STARRED
ME WITH
YOUR
EYES!!



YOU ARE
RIGHT...
FUNERAL
DIRECTORS
ARE
MORALLY
NOT
ABLE TO
EXTRACT
SOULS.



THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

YOU'RE
A FUNERAL
DIRECTOR, YOUR
ONLY POWER IS
TO PERFORM
FUNERALS!



YES,
YOU...

ONLY FUNERAL
GUIDES ARE
SUPPOSED TO
BE ABLE TO
DRAW OUT
SOULS...



IT SEEMS THAT
OUR BLOOD
STRENGTHENED
THE CONTRACT

YOU COULD
SAY THAT
WE ARE, AS
ONE IN BODY
AND SOUL.



WHEN
UNDERTAKERS
FORGE THEIR
CONTRACT,
THEY
EXCHANGE A
PIECE OF
THEIR SOULS.

HOWEVER,
SINCE WE
ARE SISTERS,
OUR SOULS
WERE
ALREADY
CLOSELY
CONNECTED.



THE TWO OF
US HAVE THE
POWER OF
BOTH A
FUNERAL
DIRECTOR
AND GUIDE.

UNLIKE
OTHER
UNDERTAKERS,
WE ARE NOT
LIMITED TO
ONE ROLE.



AND...



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I...

WE WILL...

PERFORM
A SPECIAL
FUNERAL
MARCH
THAT'S
JUST FOR
YOU!



SAY YOUR
PREVIOUS
JOHANNES



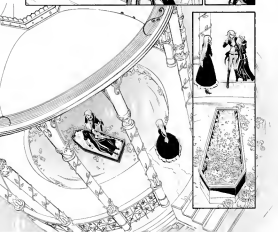
A SACRED MELODY TO PURIFY YOUR SINFUL SOUL!

穢れし魂を浄化する
聖なるせせらぎ

水
BURIAL AT SEA!
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IT IS NEVER
OVER.

I WILL
CARRY OUT
MY DUTY
TO THE
VERY END...

YOU
UNDERTAKERS
WILL NEVER
BE ABLE TO
STOP ROEN...



WHELP
BEING
A GOOD
LOBBY

...ROEN...
MY ONE
AND ONLY
CONTRACTOR

THIS
TOO IS
FOR YOU.

WITH
THIS...









DAVID,
SEN!

ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT,
DAVID, SEN?



—
HEAL.



YOU WERE
WOUNDED GAY.

JULIANE
AND CHELLE
WERE ABLE TO
SEEK OFF
JOHANNES

HUNT
WHAT'S—















HURRY, OR
THIS PLACE
WILL COME
CRASHING
DOWN ON
YOUR HEADS!

BUT...



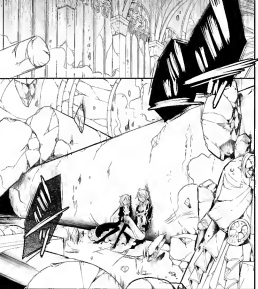
IF THE DOOR
OF TWILIGHT
OPENS, THE
WORLD WILL
BE TURNED
INTO A LAND
OF THE DEAD.

WHO KNOWS
WHAT TROUBLE
THE YOUNG
KEY MIGHT
LAND
HIMSELF IN?

A TRUE
UNDERTAKER
NEVER
FORGETS
THEIR DUTY!

NOW
GO!







SORRY, IT'S
THE SAME
WITH ME.

I DON'T
HAVE THE
STRENGTH
LEFT TO GET
US OUT
OF HERE.



I'M SORRY,
MY WOUNDS
HAVE OPENED.

I CAN'T
STAND
UP ON
MY OWN...



IF ONE
OF US
DISAPPEARS,
WE BOTH
DISAPPEAR.

THAT IS THE
FATE OF THOSE
WHO SHARE
A SOUL...

IT SEEMS
THAT THIS
IS AS FAR
AS WE GO.



THAT WAY,
AT LEAST
YOU COULD
ESCAPE
FROM HERE!



BUT IF WE
REVOKED
OUR CONTRACT,
YOU WOULD
REMAIN EVEN
IF I WERE TO
DISAPPEAR.





JULIANE

...





弾儀屋リドル





...HOWEVER...

IT DOES NOT
MATTER
HOW MANY
UNDEATHS ONE
MIGHT FALL.



WE
CANNOT
LET YOU
HAVE
YOUR WAY

ROEN.

THE SHOWDOWN AGAINST ROEN BEGINS HERE

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◆ HAYATO CLOSES IN ON FOEN..

葬儀屋リドル

FUNERAL & MOURNING

赤井ヒガサ







VYLAN



...THE THUNDER
SEEM TO BE
GROWING
STRONGER...



ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT,
HAYATO?



IT COULD
BE A SIGN
THAT THE
DOOR IS
OPENING...



THIS IS
BAD!
WE HAVE
TO HURRY!



...I WON'T
LET HIM
TURN THE
WORLD
INTO A
LIVING
HELL...



THE DOOR OF
TWILIGHT
CONNECTS
THE WORLD
OF THE
LIVING
AND THE
WORLD OF
THE DEAD.

IF ROEN
OPENS IT,
EVERYTHING
WILL BE
PLUNGED
INTO
CHAOS.





I'M TAKING
THIS CHANCE
TO JOKE
AROUND
WITH YOU...

BECAUSE
IT MIGHT
BE LAST
ONE I'LL
EVER
HAVE.







BUT EVER SINCE I
WAS BORN, RIDDLE
HAS PROTECTED ME
FROM EVIL SPIRITS
SO I COULD BECOME
THE KING OF
THE DRAGONS.



THE POWER
OF THE KING...
THE KEY
OF TWILIGHT!

THAT'S WHY
I'LL USE
EVERYTHING
I HAVE
THIS TIME.









NO.



I HAD A FEELING
THAT YOU TWO
WOULD SHOW UP,
MIDDLE AND
THE LITTLE
LADY.

EVE AND
JOHANNES
ARE KEEPING
THE OTHER
UNDERSTANDERS
BUSY.



HAYATO
SAKURA.



YOU PLAN TO
SACRIFICE
THE WHOLE
WORLD
MERELY TO
FURTHER
YOUR OWN
SCHEMES

WHEN WE'RE
NOT ABOUT
TO LET YOU OPEN
THE DOOR AND
REVERSE
THE WORLD
OF THE LIVING
AND THE
WORLD OF
THE DEAD

FRANKLY,
I FIND SUCH A
VAIN GLOERIOUS
AMBITION TO BE
DISBURSTING.



BUT MY
GOAL IS TO
LIE-BORN IN THE
DAWN OF
A NEW ERA.

YOU MAY BE
RIGHT THAT MY
SCHEME IS
UNBRIGHTLY



THE
TWELVE
ZODIAC
PILLARS ARE
ALREADY
IN PLACE

ALL
THAT
REMAINS
IS TO
OPEN IT...

AND THE
DOOR OF
TWILIGHT
HAS BEEN
SUMMONED.



HOWEVER
TO DO SO
I REQUIRE
THE KEY





YOUR SOUL,
THE
"KEY OF
TWILIGHT".



THE FRAGMENT
OF YOUR
SOUL THAT
STOLE WAS
NO GOOD.

THE DOOR
REFUSES TO
RESPOND TO
ANYTHING LESS
THAN THE
COMPLETE
SOUL OF
THE KING.



IT'S THE
FINAL PIECE
OF THE
PUZZLE,
MAKING THE
KING OF THE
CATACOMBS
A MUST HAVE.



THAT'S
WHY...



I WON'T BE
GOING
EASY ON
YOU.



I'LL BE
TAKING
YOUR
SOUL.

LET'S
SETTLE
THIS
ONCE
AND
FOR ALL.

ALL OF
IT THIS
TIME...!



AS YOU
WISH.



WE'RE NOT
GOING TO LET
YOU HAVE
YOUR WAY!



WE'LL
BURY
YOU FOR
SURE...

ROEN!





KEY OF
TWILIGHT!

DESTRUCTION
UNLOCK!!



I HAVE
TO MASTER
THE KEY OF
TWILIGHT... I
CAN'T ALWAYS
RELY ON
RIDDLE!















AND AS MY
SOUL WAS
ORIGINALLY
DESTINED
FOR HELL...
...I WILL BE
IMPRISONED
THERE
FOREVER.

IF I DESTROY
ROSEN, I WILL BE
STRIPPED OF MY
RANK AS AN
UNDERTAKER.









SO YOU'RE
REALLY
PLANNING
TO DESTROY
ME?



AS YOU
WISH THEN,
I SHALL BE
YOUR
OPPONENT.



I WILL
SIMPLY
HAVE TO
BEAT YOU
INTO
SUBMISSION...

...RIDDLE!





WAS RIDDLE ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
NO...

MAYBE THIS IS
HIS TRUE STRONGHOLD



RIDDLE'S STRONG

ROCK IS HOLDING
HIS OWN AGAINST
RIDDLE



HE DID SAY THAT ROCK
WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY.

SO RIDDLE REALLY INTENDS TO
SETTLE EVERYTHING WITH HIM BY HIMSELF.



HE DIDN'T
WANT TO
DRAG ME
INTO HIS
FIGHT.



THAT WAS
WHY HE
NEVER
TOLD ME
ANYTHING.







YOU
SHOULD
HAVE
FINISHED
ME OFF
WITH YOUR
LAST BLOW.



OR CAN'T
YOU BRING
YOURSELF
TO HURT
ME?



THIS
IS IT.

YOU
WON'T BE
GETTING
UP AGAIN
WITH
THAT
WOUND.



IF YOU WERE
TO DISAPPEAR,
ALL MY PLANS
WOULD BE
FOR NAUGHT.

YOU
KNOW
I NEVER
COULD.



NEEDLE...

I WANT
TO BRING
US BOTH
BACK TO
LIFE
TOGETHER.



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THAT IS WHY
I TRIED TO OPEN
THE DOOR
OF TWILIGHT
AND REVERSE
THE CYCLE OF LIFE
AND DEATH.



FROM THE
FIRST TIME
WE MET... YOU
ALWAYS
SEEMED
SO SAD...

I SIMPLY
WANTED TO
FREE YOU
FROM THE
SORROW OF
HAVING LOST
KING SIGURD.



I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT BE
PLANNING
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT

HOW
PATHETIC



YOU WOULD
NEVER BE
FREE OF THE
CATACOMBS.
SO I WANTED
TO CREATE
A NEW WORLD
WHERE WE
COULD BE
HAPPY
TOGETHER.



IT'S ALL
RIGHT...
IT IS TIME
FOR US
TO PART
UNTIL
THE NEW
WORLD
IS BORN.

AFTER ALL,
I KNOW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT YOU.

ABOUT
HAYATO SAKURA,
ABOUT
SIGURO...



FEELING...
HOW
HEARTLESS
YOU ARE...
YOU COULD
IT BE THAT
YOU'RE
TRYING TO HIDE
SOMETHING?



EVEN
YOUR
REAL
NAME...

!



DON'T
GIVE UP
EASILY
ABOUT
ME JUST
BECAUSE
YOU'VE
GAINED
A PECK AT
THE WHEEL OF
UNDERSTANDING.

HAH!
SUPPOSE
THAT'S
JUST THE
KIND OF
PERSON
YOU ARE

UGH!

ARGH!



WE'RE NOT
PLAYING WAYS.
WE'RE SIMPLY
THROUGH...

AND I'VE
NO INTENTION
OF SUGARCOATING
IT FOR
YOU.



I'M
GROWING
TIRED
OF YOUR
HONORABLE.

PEOPLE...





**KEY OF
TWILIGHT!**

**DESTRUCTION
UNLOCK!**





DO YOU
THINK IT'S
ALL RIGHT
FOR YOU TO
DESTROY
HIM IF
I GET MY
SOUL
BACK?

DO YOU
THINK
IT'S ALL
RIGHT IF
YOU END
UP BEING
PUNISHED?



IF IT MAKES
YOU FEEL
BETTER
YOU SHOULD
LOOK AWAY

HOW BE A
GOOD BOY
AND STOP
BACK.



AS IF I
COULD!



AND YOU'RE
STILL GOING
TO DESTROY
HIM JUST
BECAUSE YOU
FEEL LIKE IT?

BECAUSE
THE KING AND
THE OTHER
UNDERKINGS
HAVE ALL
BEEN FIGHTING
HARD TO GET
HIM OFFEN
A FUNERAL.





ARE YOU
GOING
TO BREAK
YOUR
PROMISE
TO ME...

...JUST
BECAUSE
IT SUITS
YOU?



AND THAT
WAY, YOU'LL
REALLY
FULFILL
YOUR DUTY
AS HIS
CONTRACTOR.

PLEASE,
LET'S
JUST
HOLD A
FUNERAL
FOR HIM.

THEN
THE KING
WOULDN'T
HAVE
TO PUNISH
YOU.



RIDDLE HAS
ALREADY MADE
UP HIS MIND
TO DESTROY THEM.
I DON'T KNOW
IF I CAN GET
THROUGH TO HIM.



PLEASE
DON'T
DO IT,
RIDDLE.

THAT'S WHAT
I WISH FROM
THE BOTTOM
OF MY HEART...

I DON'T WANT
YOU TO BE
PUNISHED AND
THROWN
INTO HELL...













THIS
IS BAD...
IT'S THE
SAME AS
THE LAST
TIME I
COLLAPSED.

MY
CHEST IS
STARTING
TO HURT...



JUST A
LITTLE
MORE...

JUST A
LITTLE MORE,
AND HIS
WOUND WILL
BE CLOSED.



I... I HAVE TO
ENDURE IT!





WH-WHY
DID
YOU—!









AND SOON
I WILL
HAVE TO
DISPOSE
OF YOU
AS WELL...



AS HIS
MASTER,
ALL THAT
WAS LEFT
WAS FOR
ME TO
DISPOSE
OF HIM.

SOON
HAD
SERVED
HIS
PURPOSE.



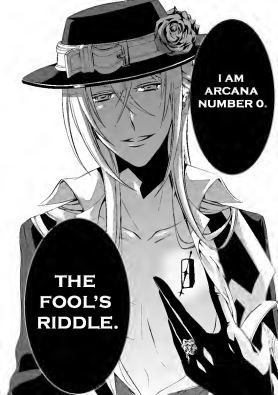
W-WHAT?

SHEDDLE...



OH!
DO YOU
MEAN THAT
YOU NEVER
REALIZED?

THEN
LET ME
INTRODUCE
MYSELF
ONCE
MORE.



I AM
ARCANA
NUMBER 0.

THE
FOOL'S
RIDDLE.



...I AM
THE TRUE
LEADER
OF THE
ARCAHA.



AND
THE ONE
WHO
STOLE
YOUR
SOUL...

...WAS
ME.





CONCEALING MY
IDENTITY, I GAVE A PROCE
OF YOUR SOUL, TO MOON
IN HELL, AND TOLD
HER OF MY PLAN
TO USE THE DOOR
OF TWILIGHT TO
REVERSE THE CYCLE
OF LIFE AND DEATH.



I KNEW HER
ALL TOO WELL,
CONVINCING
HER WAS
CHILD'S PLAY.



NOT ONLY WAS HE
RELEASED FROM HELL,
BUT HE NOW HAD THE
MEANS TO FULFILL
HIS GREATEST WISH.



SINCE NO
ONE IN THE
CATACOMBS SUSPECTED
THAT MOON WAS
THE MASTERMIND,
I WAS ABLE TO
MOVE FREELY.

MOON
CAPTURED
THE ANGELS
AND SET
HIMSELF UP AS
THEIR LEADER.





SIGURD,
THE
FORMER
KING.

ONCE YOU
TRIED TO OPEN
THE DOOR AND
DESTROY THE CATACOMBS
BECAUSE IN YOUR
PREVIOUS LIFE,
YOU WERE...



HOWEVER,
THE MEMORIES
OF YOUR FORMER
LIFE WERE
SEALED AS YOU
WERE REBORN
IN A NEW BODY.

THE
TWILIGHT
KEY IS BOUND
TO YOUR SOUL
THROUGH
THE CYCLE
OF REBIRTH.



!?



THAT'S
WHY...



**MY
GOAL
IS TO
AWAKEN
LORD
SIGURD
INSIDE
YOU.**

**AND
TOGETHER,
WE WILL
CREATE
THE
WORLD
ANEW.**



THE FATE
OF THE
CATACOMB
AND THE
WORLD,
THE DUTY
OF THE
UNDERTAKERS...

I REALLY
COULDN'T
CARE LESS.





THE PAIN IS
GROWING
STRONGER...
I CAN'T
BREATHE...

WH-
WHAT IS...
HAPPENING
TO ME...?



**IT HURTS...
HELP ME...**

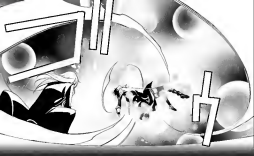
RIDD—



Key











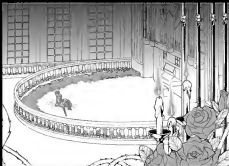
✦ THE ADVENT OF KING SIDIQ

● RIDDLE SUCCESSFULLY STABBED HAKUTO.

葬儀屋リドル

FURTHER, H THE UNDERTAKER CONCEALS







HE'S BEEN PULLING
MY STRINGS SINCE
THE VERY BEGINNING,
LEADING ME ALONG AS
THE TRUE MASTERMIND
BEHIND THE ARCANIA.

RIDDLE

I BELIEVED
IN YOU...

I REALLY,
REALLY
BELIEVED
IN YOU...





...I HAVE
WAITED
CENTURES
FOR THIS DAY
TO COME.





YOU
PROTECTED
ME, JUST
LIKE YOU
PROMISED
YOU WOULD.

THANK
YOU...



YES...

EVERYTHING HAS BEEN FOR WHAT LORO SIGURO SAID ON THAT DAY...



FOR A LONG,
LONG
TIME...

RIDDLE.

...IT HAS
BEEN MY
WISH TO
OPEN THE
DOOR OF
TWILIGHT.



OF COURSE,
THE PEOPLE
OF THE
CATACOMB
WOULD
OPPOSE ME
WITH ALL
THEIR STRENGTH.

EVEN SO,
I WANT
TO OPEN
THE DOOR
AND USHER
IN A NEW
WORLD.



THAT IS
WHY I REQUIRE
YOUR HELP,
MY LOYAL AIDE.





I WANT YOU
TO KILL
ME WITH
YOUR OWN
HANDS.

SHOULD I FAIL
TO COMPLETELY
OPEN THE DOOR
OF TWILIGHT...



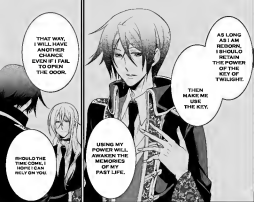
WHA—



YOU MUST
ALSO ENSURE
THAT I AM
REBORN
INSTEAD OF
SENT TO
HEAVEN.



I WANT YOU TO
DESTROY ME
AND KEEP
MY SOUL SAFE.





EVEN IF IT'S
YOUR ORDER...
IT'S STILL
TOO MUCH...

...BUT...

TO KILL
YOU WITH
MY OWN
HANDS...



.....



PLEASE

PLEASE
BE SAFE,
MY LORD
(SHEETS) ..

I'M SORRY,
I WOULDN'T
WANT YOU TO
SUFFER SO.
I'LL MAKE SURE
THAT I AM
SUCCESSFUL
THIS TIME
AROUND.



YOU GAVE
ME MY NEW
NAME.

I HIDELE,
OWE EVERYTHING
TO YOU,
MY LORD.

IF I WERE
TO LOSE
YOU, I—



AS YOU
INSTRUCTED...

...I HAVE
AWAKENED
YOU FROM
YOUR LIFE
AS HAYATO
SAKURA.

WHILE THE
DAYACHOME IS BUSY
DEALING WITH SACRA'S
INVASION OF HELL,
I HAVE GATHERED
THE PELLAPS AND
SUMMONED THE GATE.

AND AS FOR
THE DOOR OF TWILIGHT...







THAT WAY,
THE PART OF
HIS SOUL THAT
YOU RECEIVED
UPON FORMING
THE CONTRACT
WILL BE
RELEASED.

THEN
YOU CAN
RETURN
IT TO ME.



RIDDLE,
I NEED YOU
TO REVOKE
YOUR
CONTRACT
WITH
HAYATO
SAKURA.



AS YOU
WISH,
MY LORD.



TO OPEN
THE DOOR
OF TWILIGHT,
THE SOUL OF THE
KING MUST
BE COMPLETE.
WE HAVE
TO HURRY.



I,
UNDEXTAKER
RIDDLE,
HEREBY
REVOKE MY
CONTRACT
WITH THEE,
HAYATO
SAKURA.

LET THE
SOULS
WE'VE
SHARED
RETURN
WHERE
THEY
BELONG...





IT'S A
SHAME,
BUT I AM
FINALLY
FREE OF
THIS
CONTRACT.



YOUR
BODY WILL
DISINTEGRATE
INTO NOTHING
BEFORE
LONG.

HOWEVER,
THE LIVING
CANNOT
EXIST IN
THE WORLD
OF THE
DEAD.

YOU ARE
NO LONGER AN
UNDETAKEER,
JUST A
NORMAL
HUMAN.



HERE, MY
LONG SWORD.

THIS IS THE
SOUL FRAGMENT
THAT REMAINS
WITHIN ME.



NOW YOU WILL
FINALLY BE
COMPLETE.

THIS IS THE LAST
PIECE OF HAKITO
BARBARA'S SOUL.





THE CURRENT
MISSED ME
THAT SHOULD

IS THAT
WHY I CAN
SEE WHAT
THEY'RE
DOING!



THEN HE'S
GOING TO
ADD IS IT,
AND I'LL
DISAPPEAR
COMPLETELY...

I'M GOING TO
HAVE TO
WATCH THAT SOUL
PLEASANTLY BEING
HANDLED OVER TO GODS.



I...

I DON'T—



NOW, LET US OPEN THE DOOR OF TWILIGHT...

AND MAKE OUR DREAM COME TRUE.

...HUM...



WHY
DIDN'T
I VANISH?



...DEEDS.
WHY DIDN'T
MY CLOTHES
CHANGE
WHEN THE
CONTRACT
WAS BROKEN?





MAYBE THE
CONTRACT
WASN'T
WORKED
PROPERLY
AND MY SOUL
IS STILL INSIDE
RIDDLE?



MAYBE HE KNOWS
THAT HE STILL HAS MY
SOUL, BUT THEN WHAT DID
HE JUST GIVE ME?

BUT I'M
SURE THAT
RIDDLE
SAID THE
CONTRACT
WAS
WORK...

RIDDLE...

ARE YOU
STILL PLANNING
SOMETHING?





RIDDLE...

WHAT IS
YOUR REAL
GOAL?

◆ IS RIDDLE HIDEING SOMETHING? WHAT WILL HIS NEXT MOVE BE?

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◆ WHY HASN'T HAYATO DISAPPEARED...?

RIDDLE...
WHAT ARE
YOU UP TO!

葬儀屋リドル

THE UNDERTAKER AVENGES
赤井ヒガサ

THE UNDERTAKER AVENGES

AND
WHAT
DID YOU
HAND
HIM
INSTEAD
...?

TO OPEN
THE DOOR OF
TWILIGHT
REQUIRES
THE KING'S...
MY SOUL.

THEN WHY
DID YOU
KEEP THE
LAST
PIECE OF
MY
SOUL
FROM
SECURE...?



RIDDLE... WHAT IS YOUR REAL GOAL?



AT
LAST...

AFTER ALL
THIS TIME,
THE DOOR
OF TWILIGHT
STANDS
BEFORE
ME...



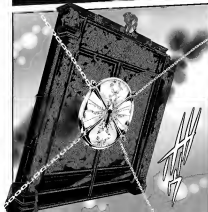
THE DOOR
SHALL OPEN AND
THE CYCLE OF
DEATH AND LIFE
REVERSE, USHERING
IN A WONDERFUL
NEW AGE OF MAN.

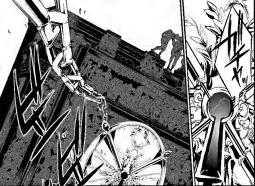


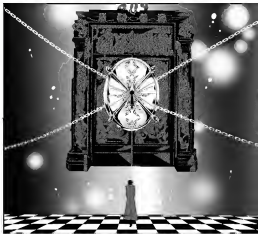




**HEED MY
SOUL AND
RELEASE
YOUR
SEAL!**









YET NOTHING
SEEMS TO
HAVE CHANGED.
WHY DID THE
DOOR OF
TWILIGHT FAIL
TO OPEN?

ONCE THE
GATE OPENED,
HELL SHOULD
HAVE BECOME
EARTH AND
EARTH SHOULD
HAVE BECOME
HELL.

I SHOULD
HAVE
BEEN MADE
FLYER ONCE
MORE.



THE
CHAINS
DO NOT
BREAK.



YET...

WITH THE
COMPLETE
BLOOD OF
THE KING,
THE SEAL
SHOULD BE
RELEASED.



...!

IT
COULDN'T
BE

...!



NO...

SIGURD,
THE KING WHO
BETRAYED THE
CATACOMBS.





**I SHALL
PLAY THE
FUNERAL
MARCH...**

**THAT'S
JUST
FOR
YOU!**









I WILL
NOT HAND
IT OVER
TO YOU.

BECAUSE MY
CONTRACTOR
IS WAITING
FOR ME.







THAT WAS
WHEN YOU
SPOKE TO
ME OF CREATING
A NEW WORLD.

FOR
HUNDREDS
OF YEARS,
YOU JUDGED
THE SOULS OF
MEN AS BEING
THE DUTY OF THE KING,
UNTIL THEIR SINS
DROVE YOU
TO DESPAIR.

MY
LORD
SIGURD.



.....



SO I WISHED
TO MAKE
YOUR DREAM
COME TRUE.

...I TOO
DESPAIRED
AT THE
UGLINESS
OF THE
WORLD...



I DESIRED NOTHING
MORE THAN TO LIVE
IN THAT BEAUTIFUL
NEW WORLD TOGETHER
WITH YOU, LORD SIGURD.





THAT IS
WHAT HE
TAUGHT ME...

NO MATTER HOW
FULL OF SIN THE
WORLD IS, THERE
IS STILL HOPE.



THAT IS
THE KIND
OF WORLD
I WOULD
LIKE TO
SEE.



THAT IS
WHY I
AWAKENED
YOU...

SO I COULD
BURY YOU
ONCE AND
FOR ALL.



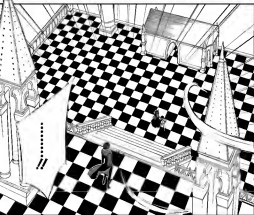
SO ALL
ALONG,
THE WAS
YOUR REAL
GOAL.



RIDDLE...







NO ONE CAN DEFEAT THE KING.
NATURALLY, THAT INCLUDES YOU



THE FUNERAL IS GONE!

KEY OF
TWILIGHT...
DESTRUCTION
UNLOCK!











SO JUST THIS
TIME, LEND ME
YOUR STRENGTH
ONCE MORE!

BUT WE
HAVE TO
BURY
SIGURD.



PLEASE!!



...PLEASE.



ALL
RIGHT.



I RECOGNIZE
THEE AS
MY
CONTRACTOR.

HAYATO
SAKURA.



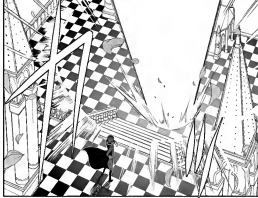
IT'S THE SAME
AS THE FIRST
TIME WE
FORGED OUR
CONTRACT...

I CAN HEAR
HIS WORDS
IN MY MIND...



MAY
THINE
SOUL
FIND
SALVATION!











IT'S THE WOUND
NEEDLE GAVE ME.



I CAN BARELY
STAND THIS.

USING THE
KEY REQUIRES
PHYSICAL
STRENGTH,
SO I'VE GOT
NO CHOICE!!



THANK
GOODNESS,
IT'S CLOSING.

NOW I
HAVE TO
CATCH HIM
AND EXTRACT-

KEY OF
TWILIGHT!
REGENERATION
UNLOCK!!





YOU HAD BETTER
BE CAREFUL
OR YOU'LL
OVEREXERT
YOURSELF.



EXCEEDED
YOUR
ENDURANCE
LIKE THAT
MUST BE QUITE
PAINFUL.

YOUR LIMIT
IS THREE
TIMES WHEN
USING YOUR
POWER, ISN'T IT?



FRUIT WAS
ALWAYS SUCH
A CLEVER
GIRL.

IN ORDER
TO HIDE MY
PRESENCE
AND AVOID
ANSWERING
TO SOON,
I RESTRICTED
YOUR
POWERS.



THEN THAT MEANS
I CAN ONLY USE
THE KEY OF TWILIGHT
AS LONG AS MY
BODY HEALS UP.



IN THAT CASE...

BUT I DON'T
KNOW HOW
MANY TIMES
I CAN ENERGE.

I HAVE TO SETTLE
THIS FIGHT QUICKLY.

**KEY OF
TWILIGHT!
DESTRUCTION
OPEN!!**

**THE
VICTORY
GOES
TO THE
SWIFT!!**





UGH...



NOW'S
MY
CHANCE!

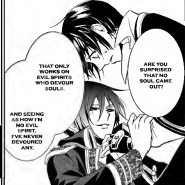


GOT
HIM!!



IF ONLY
I CAN
TOUCH HIS
CHEST, I'LL
BE ABLE TO
DRAW OUT
HIS SOUL...





THAT ONLY
WORKS ON
EVIL SPIRITS
WHO DEVOUR
SOULS.

ARE YOU
SURPRISED
THAT NO
SOUL CAME
OUT?

AND SEEING
AS HOW I'M
NO EVIL
SPIRIT,
I'VE NEVER
DEVoured
ANY.



WHICH
MEANS
THAT IF
YOU WANT
TO WEAKEN
ME...



...YOU HAVE
TO AT LEAST
INFLECT A
MORTAL
WOUND.





HAAAAAAAA



BUT IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT I RETURN THE FAVOUR.

THERE'S NO WOUND THAT I CANNOT HEAL.



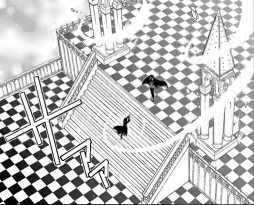
I INTENDED TO USE THE KEY OF TWILIGHT TO TEAR YOUR ENTIRE BODY TO SHREDS.

...LOOKS LIKE I'VE GROWN A BIT RUSTY.



DESTRUCTION UNLOCK!





WHAT A GUY.
HE KEEPS USING
THE KEY, BUT IT
DOESN'T SHOW AT ALL.

I GET
DIZZY
AFTER
ONLY
USING IT
ONCE...





I HAVE
TO MAKE
EVERY TIME
I USE THE
KEY COUNT...

I
CAN'T
GIVE
UP
NOW.
I'VE
STILL
GOT A
CHANCE!



STILL, I WAS ABLE TO
GET IN A BLOW
BACK THEN.



I SIMPLY
WANT TO
UNLOCK
THE DOOR OF
TWILIGHT
AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.

WE COULD
KEEP ON
COUNTERING
EACH OTHER
UNTIL ONE OF
US RUNS OUT
OF STRENGTH.

BUT THAT WOULD JUST
BE A WASTE OF TIME.



HUH...



SO I'LL BE
A BIT MORE
SERIOUS
FROM
HERE ON.









I DIDN'T
SPEND
CENTURIES
AS THE
KING OF THE
CATACOMBS
FOR NOTHING.

MY
KNOWLEDGE
OF THE
KEY RUMS
FAR DEEPER
THAN
YOURS.

I TAKE IT
THAT YOU
HAD NO IDEA
ABOUT THE
POWER OF
CREATIONS



LET'S
GET
THIS
OVER
WITH.



MY POWER
OF THE KEY IS
WHAT DRIVES
THEM, THEY ARE
LIKE EXTENSIONS
OF MYSELF, AND
THEY WON'T STOP
UNTIL MY STRENGTH
IS EXHAUSTED.







DAMMIT,
THIS IS BAD.
EVEN AT FULL
STRENGTH,
I WOULD
BARELY BE
ABLE TO
KEEP UP.

I DON'T
HAVE ANY
ENERGY TO
WASTE ON
THESE
GUYS!

ANYWAY,
I'LL ONLY
GET ONE
SHOT AT
THIS...



HEH,
I TOLD
YOU THAT
THEY
WOULDN'T
STOP AS
LONG AS MY
POWER OF
THE KEY
DRIVES
THEM.

THOUGH I
WONDER
HOW LONG
YOUR
STRENGTH
WILL
LAST!



**KEY OF
TWILIGHT!
DESTRUCTION
UNLOCK!!**





WHILE SIGURD IS USING
THE KEY TO CONTROL
THOSE GUYS, I WON'T BE
ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO HIM.
LET ALONE LAND
A SINGLE BLOW.



WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I ONLY HAVE THE
STRENGTH LEFT TO
USE THE KEY OF
TWILIGHT ONE
MORE TIME.



GAHN IT...
HOW DID I
MANAGE
TO HIT HIM
THAT ONE
TIME?



BUT THIS TIME,
THE BODY IS
WOUNDED
AND WEAK.
GIVE UP YOUR
SOUL TO
LORD SIGURD.



FOR
EXAMPLE,
IMAGINE
THIS VASE
BREAKING.

PICTURE ITS
DESTRUCTION
IN YOUR
MIND.



I SEE...

THAT MIGHT
WORK, BUT
CAN I PULL
IT OFF?



I
HAVE
TO
TRY!



YOU
CUT A
PITIFUL
FIGURE
INDEED.

WHAT'S
THIS?
ARE YOU
GIVING UP?



SHED
THAT
BODY AND
BECOME
ONE WITH
ME.

TOGETHER,
WE SHALL
BE THE
NEW KING.

DON'T
WORRY,
IT'LL
SOON
BE OVER.

COME
TO ME...

HAYATO
SAKURA!!

!

.....
!?







**KEY OF
TWILIGHT!
DESTRUCTION
UNLOCK!!**





YOU TOOK
OVER MY
SOUL WHEN I
WAS WOUNDED
AND WEAK.
RIGHT?

THAT'S WHY
BY WOUNDING
YOU, I THOUGHT
I COULD TURN
THE TABLES



THE MOMENT
I ATTACKED YOU,
MY MIND WENT
BLANK.

DID
YOU...



...I COULDN'T
INVOKED THE
KEY OF
TWILIGHT...



THAT'S WHY
I IMAGINED
INTERRUPTING
YOUR POWER
INSTEAD.

I HAD TO BET
ON THAT TO
SEAL THE KEY
OF TWILIGHT.

BUT YOU'D
JUST USE
THE KEY
OF TWILIGHT
TO COUNTER ANY
DESTRUCTION
OR REGENERATION
I COULD
IMAGINE...



**I HAVE TO
GET BACK
TO THE
REAL
WORLD!**

**I CAN'T
LET YOU
DO AS
YOU
PLEASE
WITH
MY
PRECIOUS
HOME!!**



**EVEN
THOUGH
YOU HAD
NO IDEA
WHAT
MIGHT
HAVE
HAPPENED!**

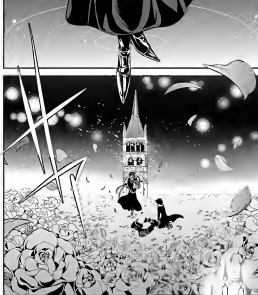


**YOU
CERTAINLY
ARE
RECKLESS,
TAKING
A RISK
LIKE THAT.**



**IT'S NOT
LIKE I HAD
ANY CHOICE...!**





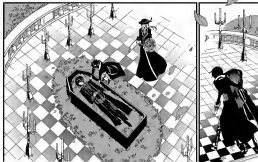




**THAT'S
JUST
FOR
YOU.**



**LET ME
PLAY THE
FUNERAL
MARCH...**





AND I
KNOW WELL
HOW PURE AND
CLEAR YOUR
HEART IS.



EVEN
THE
CLEAREST
WATER MAY
GROW
CHURNED
AND
TROUBLED.

HOW EASILY
WE LOSE
SIGHT OF
OURSELVES.



NOW
IN YOUR
FINAL HOUR,
YOU REST
IN MY
HANDS.

ALLOW
ME TO BURY
YOU ALONG
WITH YOUR
SINS.

O KING,
BURDENED
BY SIN,
WHO HAS
CROSSED
COUNTLESS
AGES...



...
RIDDLE



HOWEVER,
I STILL—

...PLEASE,
YOU MAY OUNDSUCE
ME AS A
TRAITOR
AND
PROCLAIM
YOUR
HATE
FOR
ME.

THERE
IS NO
WAY I
COULD
HATE
YOU.



WHA
—



BUT THERE
ARE SOME
THINGS THAT
NOT EVEN
TIME CAN
HEAL.

...EVEN
AFTER
ALL THIS
TIME THAT
WE'VE BEEN
SEPARATED,
YOU STILL
STROVE TO
FULFILL
MY WISH.



I WISH
YOU WELL,
AS I GO TO MY
FINAL REST.

EVEN IF WE
ARE APART,
WE WILL
ALWAYS BE
TOGETHER.

YOU SHOULD
TRY TO FIND
YOUR OWN
HAPPINESS.



EVEN
IF YOU
SAY
THAT...



RRROOUE.



WHY...



EVEN IF
YOU NEVER
REALIZED,
I'VE ALWAYS
BELIEVED
IN YOU.

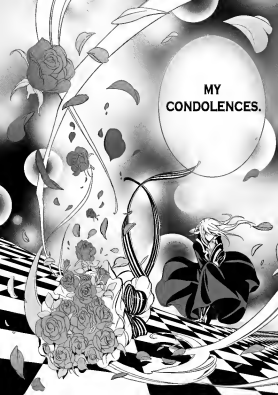
BECAUSE
THE BOND
BETWEEN
US IS
ETERNAL.









A black and white illustration featuring a large, light-colored egg-shaped object in the upper right quadrant. Inside the egg, the text "MY CONDOLENCES." is written in a bold, sans-serif font. To the left of the egg, a bouquet of roses is depicted, with several roses in various stages of bloom. The roses are rendered with detailed line work and shading. The background is filled with floating rose petals and leaves, creating a sense of movement. The overall style is graphic and somewhat somber, consistent with the theme of condolences.

**MY
CONDOLENCES.**







DON'T
WORRY.



NO
WAIT



NOW THAT
WE'VE
PERFORMED
THE FUNERAL,
YOUR
CONSCIOUSNESS
SHOULD BE IN
CONTROL OF THE
REST OF
YOUR SOUL.



...THAT WAY,
ALL OF YOUR
SOUL SHOULD
BE RETURNED
TO YOU.



IT SHOULD
HAVE
REACHED THE
CATACOMBS
BY NOW

AND WITH
LORD SIBURO
GONE, THERE
SHOULD BE NO
PROBLEMS WITH
RETURNING IT
TO YOUR
BODY.

SINCE
THE SOULS
SENT THERE
ARE THE
RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE KING,
ALL YOU NEED
TO DO IS
TELL FACET.





YOU NO LONGER
NEED THE
CONTRACT TO
COMPENSATE
FOR YOUR
SOUL.



HOW I
FELT SAD
AND HURT
WHEN HE
BETRAYED ME...

AND HOW
HAPPY I WAS
WHEN IT TURNED
OUT HE WANTED
TO SAVE ME...

...IT FEELS
LIKE
THERE'S
SO MUCH
I WANT
TO TELL
RIDDLE,
BUT
NOTHING
WILL
COME
OUT...



HAYATO.





◆ NEXT TIME, THE FINALE!



NICKNAME ARGUMENT



Funeral 1 THE EPILOGUE



2000

WILEY

100

"I'M NOT HAVING
 ANY PROBLEMS
 WITH MY LATE
 ARRIVAL. I'M
 WORKING OUT
 FINE. I'M NOT
 WORRYING."



1-800-
TOLL-FREE
1-800-
COURTESY
SERVICE

XXXXXXXXXXXX

HAVE
BEEN
ENCOURAGED
BY ONE OF
THESE GOLD
COINERS
I'VE HEARD
ABOUT

100

100

**RESEARCH
IN THE
FUTURE
OF
THE
FUTURE**

MAKING
THE BEST
OF BOTH
OF THEM
AT AN
EARLY
DATE

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

WELL, I HAVE
A SET OF A
JEWEL TOOTH
BUT I CAN
PUSH IN A
SET OF
FROM THE
THE OTHER

1. **THEORY**
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**CARE
HART
TASSEL
TUTOR**

THE
LAW
OF
THE
LAND

HIGH SCHOOL

2000

MAKING MERRY WITH MESSIAH



THE UNDERTAKER'S NEW CLOTHES



THE CATACOMB CREW



DANTE TAKES THE STAGE!!



AVERAGE HIGH-SCHOOLER HAYATO



PERFECTLY ORDINARY HAYATO



I'M SUCH A GENIUS (DANTE-STYLE)



THE FARNESI FAMILY IS PARTIN' IT UP FOR NEW YEARS.



THANK YOU ALL FOR WAITING!

NEXT UP IS THE BOSS!



COME ON, DANTE, I WANNA HAVE PISCICOLI ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME? (BILLY VOICE)

SWAHAAAAH!

UNLIKELY ALLIES (WITHOUT RIDDLE)



WHenever you fight, your character totally changes. Do you have a split personality or something?



When fighting, I start enjoying my smoothers and clear my nose.

A STONE-COLD KILLER, HUH?



NOT THERE



DANTE REALLY MEANS A LOT TO YOU, DON'T HE?

DANTE, SERP, WHERE ARE YOU.

UUU-HUUU

TSUNDERE, BABY!



WH-
WHERE
DID YOU
GET
THAT
IDEA
FROM?

TRUTH IS
YOU'VE GOT
THE HOES
FOR ME,
SOMETHING



A- AS IF,
S-STUPID...!

YOU MAY BE
TRYING TO
DENY YOUR
TRUE FEELINGS,
BUT I CAN TELL



KNOCK IT
OFF THE
TRUTH IS,
YOU DISGUST
ME!



THAT'S
RIGHT! WHO
WOULD
KNOW
ANYWAY...!

HE'S ANOTHER
DAY I GET
TO SPEND
BY YOUR SIDE,
DAMEE, SIR.

HAYATO REMINISCES



THAT
MEANS
HE MUST
KNOW
ABOUT
EVERYTHING
THAT'S
HAPPENED
TO ME

SOMEONE
HAS BEEN
WATCHING
OVER ME
EVER
SINCE I
WAS
LITTLE.



OR HOW I
STILL NET
THE BIG IN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL.

LIKE THAT
TIME I FELL
FROM THE
SLIDE AND
GOT A
FRACTURE.



AND ABOUT
THAT TIME
AND THAT ONE
AND THAT
ONE TOO

AND THE
GIRL WHO
SELECTED
ME IN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL.



NOW
I CAN'T
SLEEP!

JOYLESS JOHANNES



DON'T COUNT THE COST





HAYATO.



THE PAINFUL - THE LONGAWAITED FINALE



WE...

...WILL
NEVER
SEE EACH
OTHER
AGAIN.

FINAL
CHAPTER

葬儀屋リドル

赤井ヒガサ





A close-up, high-contrast black and white illustration of a man's face. He has a serious, almost stoic expression. A large, ornate cross is visible on his forehead, partially obscured by his hair. The lighting is dramatic, with deep shadows and bright highlights.

**MY
SINS...**

**...ARE
BEYOND
REDEMPTION.**



Two smaller panels at the bottom of the page. The left panel shows a person in a dark, flowing robe, seen from the back, holding a long staff or wand. The right panel shows a hand holding a sword, with a speech bubble coming from it.

**HIDDLE...
ARE YOU
PLANNING
TO=!**

RIDDLE!



I DON'T
HAVE...ANY
STRENGTH
LEFT...









**YOU
IDIOT!**

**WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING!?**



**I AM THE
LEADER
OF THE
ARCANA.**

**THERE CAN
BE NO OTHER
PUNISHMENT
BUT OBLIVION.**

**PLEASE
LEAVE
ME BE...**

**MY
MIND IS
ALREADY
MADE UP.**

.....



**MOST
LIKELY I WILL
BE SENTENCED
TO DECADES OF
IMPRISONMENT
IN HELL...**

**HOWEVER,
FOR SENDING
OFF LORD
SIGURO, MY
PUNISHMENT
IS LIKELY
TO BE
REDUCED**



**I CAN
NEVER
FORGIVE
MYSELF
FOR
DETRAYING
LORD
SIGURO.**



**SO WHY
WOULD
YOU—**

**SO WHAT?
THAT WAY YOU
CAN ATOKE FOR
YOUR CRIMES!**



**DESERVE
NOTHING
LESS
THAN
UTTER
OBLIVION!**

I...





...MY
REAL
NAME IS
LIONEL
ADNAVOUR.

I WAS
BORN IN
1769 AS
A MEMBER
OF THE
FRENCH
NOBILITY.



I WAS KILLED
BY THE
REVOLUTIONARIES.



BEFORE
LONG, THE
REVOLUTION
BEGAN AND
THE KING
AND THE
NOBLES WERE
OVERTHROWN
BY THE
COMMONERS.



THE WORLD
WAS A FLEETING
PLACE, WHERE
ANYTHING COULD
DEADLY FEAR AT
ANY TIME.

ALL WAS
CHAOS AND
DISORDER.

IT WAS
THE END OF
AN ERA.

THERE WAS
NOTHING LEFT
FOR ME TO
BELIEVE
IN.



AS I
REALIZED THIS,
I DESPAIRED.



...HOWEVER...



AFTER MY DEATH,
I ENDED UP IN
THE CATACOMBS.

THERE I MET
LORD SIGURD.



AND LIKE
ME, HE
DESPAIRED
AT THE STATE
OF THE
WORLD.

HE HAD
WITNESSED
ALL THE
UGLINESS
THAT
HANKING
WAS
CAPABLE
OF.

FOR
HUNDREDS
OF YEARS,
HE HAD JUDGED
THE SOULS OF
MEN, SENDING
THEM ON TO
HEAVEN OR
HELL.



BY OPENING
THE DOOR OF
TWILIGHT, THE
CYCLE OF
LIFE AND
DEATH WOULD
REVERSE,
AND THE
WORLD WOULD
BE BORN
ANEW.

HE TOLD
ME THAT HE
WISHED TO
REFASHION
THE WORLD
INTO A
BETTER
PLACE
TOGETHER
WITH ME.



FOR LORD
SIGURD
WAS THE
LIGHT
THAT
SAVED MY
HEART
FROM
DESPAIR.

I THOUGHT
THAT
NOTHING
COULD
EVER
COME
BETWEEN
US.

WE BOTH
SHARED THE
SAME DREAM
OF CREATING
A NEW AND
BETTER
WORLD.



BUT THEN I MET
YOU, HAYATO, AND
I CHANGED MY MIND.



I DIDN'T
WANT TO
DESTROY THE
WORLD WHERE
YOU LIVED...



IN THE
END, MY
SIN IS THE
GREATEST.

IT WOULD
BE BETTER
IF I SIMPLY
DISAPPEARED.

**LORD
SIGURD
SAVED
ME...**

**YET I
BROKE MY
PROMISE
TO HIM!**

.....



...POOR.

SIGURD REALLY
MEANT
EVERYTHING
TO YOU.
DIDN'T HE?

BUT YOU'VE BEEN TURNED AGAINST ME FOR MY SAKE.

I KNEW THAT
SOMETHING
MUST HAVE
HAPPENED
WHILE YOU
WERE ALIVE,
BUT YOU
WOULD
NEVER
TELL ME
ANYTHING.

UNLIKE
SIGURD, I'VE
NEVER BEEN
ABLE TO DO
ANYTHING
FOR YOU.



YOU CHOOSE
TO BEAR ALL
THIS PAIN
FOR MY
SAKE...



YET I CAN'T DO
ANYTHING
FOR YOU.

RIDDLE,
FROM
NOW ON...

I WILL—



RIDDLE.



.....



HE
WOULDN'T
WANT YOU
TO DISAPPEAR.



HE NEVER
HATED YOU.

YOU
CAN'T
DISAPPEAR.

DIDN'T
YOU HEAR
WHAT I SAID
SAID?



I THINK
THERE ARE
BETTER WAYS
FOR YOU TO
ATONE FOR
YOUR SIN.

I DON'T
WANT
THAT TO
HAPPEN
EITHER.



BECAUSE, IF YOU
STILL WANT TO
BE WITH HIM
FOREVER...



HARKED



**THEN
WE
CAN BE
TOGETHER
FOREVER!**





I PROMISE!

ONCE
YOU'VE
ATONED FOR
YOUR SINS
AND YOU'RE
RELEASED
FROM HELL,
I'LL BE THERE
TO MEET YOU.



YOUR LIFE
WILL BE
LONG SINCE
OVER BY
THEN

DON'T BE SILLY.



YOU
MEAN...
YOU WILL
WAIT FOR
ME...?



WITHOUT
A BOND
LIKE THAT,
THERE'S
NO POINT
IN WAITING...

WE DON'T
HAVE A
CONTRACT
ANY MORE,
REMEMBER?



THEN I'LL
BECOME A
GHOST SO I
CAN MEET
YOU.



HAVEN'T
WE BEEN
FIGHTING
SIDE BY
SIDE ALL
THIS TIME!?



BUT WE
DO HAVE
A BOND!



.....



I'LL BE
THERE
FOR YOU.

NO MATTER
HOW LONG
I HAVE TO
WAIT, I'LL
DEFINITELY
BE THERE!

THAT'S
WHAT I
BELIEVE.

AND THAT'S
WHY I WANT
TO BECOME
YOUR
STRENGTH.



NO NEED
BLAME YOU
ATONE FOR
YOUR SINS.

I KNOW I'LL
MAKE IT.



KIKATO,
YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

.....



I'LL
DEFINITELY
BE THERE
TO MEET
YOU...
...SO
PLEASE



IN TIME, YOU
WILL GROW
UP AND
CHANGE
YOUR MIND.

YOU ARE STILL
YOUNG AND
YOUR HEART
WILL MOVE ON.



AND
ONE
DAY,
YOU
ARE
BOUND
TO
FORGET
ME...

TO ME,
THAT
WOULD
BE A FATE
FAR WORSE
THAN
DEATH.



...AH, I SEE...





...THAT WOULD
BE THE GREATEST
PUNISHMENT
I COULD EVER
RECEIVE...

THEN I
SHALL
WILLINGLY
ACCEPT IT...







**THANK
YOU...**







NOW, MY
IMPRISONMENT
IS FINALLY
ABOUT TO END.

HOW MANY
DECADERS
HAVE I SPENT
HERE ALONE
SINCE THEN?



I HAVE
NO IDEA
HOW MANY
TIMES I'VE
READ AND
REREAD IT.

THIS
SINGLE
LETTER
IS WHAT
HAS KEPT
ME GOING
ALL THIS
TIME.



TO
RIDDLE.

AFTER WE
RETURNED
TO THE
CATACOMBS,
MY SOUL WAS
RESTORED.

BUT SINCE
YOUR TRIAL
WAS HELD
SO QUICKLY,
I NEVER HAD
THE CHANCE
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN.

AND I AM
ONLY
ALLOWED
TO SEND
YOU THIS
ONE LETTER.





THEY'VE
DECIDED
TO KEEP ON
WORKING AS
UNDERPAKERS

FOR A
WHILE
THERE, NO
ONE KNEW
IF THEY
WERE
GOING
TO MAKE IT
BUT NOW
THEY'RE
FINE.



DID YOU
KNOW THAT
JULIAN AND
CHIELE WERE
RESCUED
FROM HELL?



SHE
DOESN'T
PUNISH
THEM AS
HARSHLY
FOR BEING
LATE TO
MEETINGS
NOW

BECAUSE
OF THAT
THE KING
SEEMS TO
HAVE A
BETTER
OPINION
OF THEM.



BACK THEN
DANTE AND
HINCH MANAGED
TO GET US ALL
OUT OF THERE
BEFORE THE
CASTLE
COLLAPSED.



AT LEAST
DANTE
DOESN'T
SKIP THEM
ANYMORE.





EVEN SO,
NOTHING
COULD
BE DONE
ABOUT YOUR
SITUATION.

BUT EVEN
IF SHE
CAN'T THANK
YOU OPENLY,
SHE IS STILL
GRATEFUL.



ONCE
THINGS HAD
CALMED
DOWN A BIT,
I HAD A
TALK WITH
THE KING.

SHE KNOWS
THAT YOU
WERE THE ONE
WHO HELD
THE FUNERAL
FOR SIGURO.



IN THE END,
I CAN ONLY
GUESS WHAT
WAS SAID
BETWEEN YOU
AND THE KING...



RIDDLE,
I...



...OH
YEAR...

THAT'S WHY
FROM HERE
ON OUT, I'M
GOING TO
DECIDE WHAT
I WANT TO
DO MYSELF.



I DECIDED
TO BECOME
THE KING.





WITH MY POWER AS
THE KING, I USED THE
KEY OF TWILIGHT TO
OPEN A DOOR FROM
THE CATACOMBS TO MY
ROOM



BUT THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN I'M
GIVING UP
MY ON MY
OLD LIFE.



IT MAKES
COMBATING
BETWEEN THE
CATACOMBS
AND THE REAL
WORLD A
LOT EASIER.





RIGHT NOW,
I'M LIVING A
DOUBLE LIFE
AS THE KING
AND A
NORMAL
STUDENT.



AND
DEMON
FOUR-EYES
IS ALWAYS
MAD AT ME.



FAUST IS
LOOKING
AFTER ME
AND TEACHING
ME TO BE
THE KING.



SO I THINK
THAT
EVERYTHING
WILL WORK
OUT SOMEHOW.

THE
UNDERTAKERS
ARE ALL
GETTING
ALONG
WELL.



BUT...

YOU'RE
NOT
HERE
WITH
ME.



I REALLY,
REALLY W—

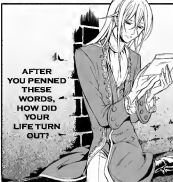
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A character with dark hair and a long dark coat is running away from the viewer. The coat has a high collar and a sash. The background is a simple light-colored wall.

SEE YOU
LATER

WHEN
THE TIME
COMES I'LL
BE THERE
TO MEET
YOU.

AH,
NEVERMIND.

A close-up of a letter with a decorative, scalloped border. The letter is on a surface with horizontal lines, possibly a table or desk.A character with long blonde hair is sitting on the ground, leaning against a brick wall. They are holding and reading a letter. They are wearing a dark coat over a light-colored shirt. A small object, possibly a key, is on the ground next to them.

AFTER
YOU PENNED
THESE
WORDS,
HOW DID
YOUR
LIFE TURN
OUT?

HAYATO...
HOW MANY
YEARS HAVE
PASSED SINCE
YOU SENT
THIS LETTER?

HAYATO...

AS YOU GREW UP,
DID YOU NOTICE?



I'M SURE YOU
MUST HAVE
FOUND SOMEONE
YOU LOVED



AND AS TIME WENT BY,
MORE PRECIOUS
PEOPLE WILL HAVE
ENTERED YOUR LIFE.



THAT LITTLE
BY LITTLE,
MEMORIES
PALE AND FADE.



SOMETHING
OLD BEGAN
TO LOSE
ITS SHINE.



EVERYTIME
YOU FOUND
SOMETHING
NEW...



I'M
SURE
THAT
YOU
HAVE
FORGOTTEN
ALL
ABOUT
ME.



I'VE LOST
YOU, JUST
AS I LOST
LORD SIGURD.

BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT...

TODAY, I WILL HAVE SERVED MY SENTENCE.

BUT YOU WON'T BE HERE TO MEET ME.

THAT IS THE HARSH REALITY AND I CAN DO NOTHING ABOUT IT.

TO ME, THAT IS A PUNISHMENT FAR
WORSE THAN OBLIVION OR IMPRISONMENT.











I THOUGHT THAT
IT DIDN'T MATTER
IF I WAS FORGOTTEN.

THAT TO BE FORGOTTEN
WAS MY PUNISHMENT.





YET HERE YOU ARE,
WITH THE SAME
UNCHANGING SMILE
THAT I NEVER DARED
HOPE TO SEE AGAIN.



FOR YOUR
SAKE, I WILL
GO ON.

NO MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS, OUR
BOND IS STRONGER
THAN ANY
CONTRACT.

THERE'S NO PLACE
I'D RATHER BE
THAN BY
YOUR SIDE...

契約という
確かな絆はなくても
どんなに世界が壊れても

誰より君を想い
君の傍で



MAYBE I
WAS A
LITTLE
TOO
EAGER?



NOOOO



SILENT, EVEN
THOUGH YOU
WERE SO
DESPERATE
TO GET
AWAY
FROM
ME AT
FIRST,



MY
CONDOLENCES,

HAYATO.

ご愛読ありがとうございました。
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そして次巻までに新情報が

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